

At present the party will confine itself to agitating and arousing sentiment among the workers of the state in favor of political action independent of the two old capitalist parties. The delegates considered this the wisest policy to follow now until more of the labor organizations and their members back this new move.

Labor Day, 1926, Brings Much Cause for Optimism

By William H. Henry

The first Monday in September is the one day set aside as a National holiday, and dedicated to labor in the United States. Labor Day was set aside by the rulers and they usually help to celebrate that day, providing they are given the opportunity of playing politics for their class.

The workers, or majority of them, seem to think they are celebrating their economic independence, but as a matter of fact they are a long way from economic freedom. The great power to produce and distribute the necessities of life have developed so far that the workers are able to produce far more than are the workers of any other nation, but they receive a smaller percentage of their product than do the workers of other nations.

In the factories the workers can produce, with the aid of machinery, ten, fifty and a hundred times more wealth than could the workers a hundred years ago and many times more than could their fathers in their young days. This is not only true in the factory, shop, mine, mill, etc., but is

also true on the land. The machinery used today in the country is so highly developed that the workers, or farmer as he is called, can produce in the same proportion as the industrial worker.

America never passed through the different stages of society as did the other nations across the pond. Feudalism, for instance, never saw its day in this nation. First the backwoodsmen, the small farm, then the small industry and other developments came in rapid succession until the country was fairly well covered with the toilers, developing the nation at a most rapid rate, until we find this the highest developed, industrially, country on earth.

Opportunity for the individual who had a fair education and good, red blood was awaiting them. Even twenty years ago and less there were some opportunities for the average man to pick up land or go into a small business, and in many cases they were able to give a good sum for their labor. But that race has been run, and today everything worth while is run on a gigantic plan where thou-

sands of men, yes, hundreds of thousands are directly or indirectly working for one big combination and for small salaries or wages, as the case may be.

The workers of this nation have not gone through the struggles that their brothers have in the nations of the Old World and they cannot see the class character of society. They still think there are many opportunities left for them to become rich and independent. They are still thinking they are free men when, as a matter of fact, they are doomed to stay wage slaves until they become class conscious and organize as wage earners and land workers into economic and political organizations for their own salvation, bringing about a change in the system of society from private ownership of the means of wealth production to public ownership and democratic management, and manage their affairs through a government of their own whereby all would be workers and employers of their own products.

The workers, however, are learning as the system begins to become too heavy and the machinery of produc-

tion gets more completely out of their hands and the owners are becoming more dominating in their attitude toward the worker, looking upon him as a mere cog in the machinery. A big minority have learned what it all means through their efforts to better their conditions, and have begun to strengthen their power to overcome their masters by organizing more along industrial rather than trade lines; by establishing co-operatives; by establishing their own banks and, but not least, by establishing educational institutions within their own groups. In such industries as the mining, the workers have become subject slaves. In many cases there is scarcely enough employment to keep them from the door, but they will yet learn and move in greater number toward the sunrise of industrial democracy. In fact, they are moving now.

These miners have not learned of the gigantic strides towards the use of water power, electricity and other forms of easily produced energy that is swiftly taking the place of the coal that was once the main product that

made the wheels of industry go. These men must soon hunt a place to earn their livelihood in other industries. Already there is an overcrowded condition. Super power has not only come to stay, but it is fast becoming the one thing that will do away with the necessity for coal.

The Socialist movement of the world is moving rapidly toward industrial democracy and in this nation the workers are gradually learning. The Socialist Party that was crushed to earth during the gigantic blood fest, commonly called the World War, is coming back, and in due time it will sweep on towards its destined goal just as surely as the sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening.

In this nation the Socialist Party stands on the same program as do the Socialists in the old countries, and that program has been proven the correct one. There is no necessity for the Socialists to look for a new party for the workers, for whatever name a new party of the producers and farmers may call it, it must have a program of Socialism, if it expects to bring about the salvation of the workers.

Gradually the Socialist Party of America is gaining its old footing. Daily at headquarters we receive letters from Socialists who have been silent during the years since the war. They are coming back into the battle lines with renewed hope and with them we find many new recruits who are taking up the work that has been neglected. Not only is this true among the industrial workers and farmers as such, but there is hardly a day but what there is a call for literature from universities, colleges, and even from groups who never have taken an interest in the Socialist cause in the past.

The Socialists find themselves in a different situation from that before the war when there were not such well developed movies, radios, automobiles, and other opportunities to cause them to forget their movement. They are coming to learn that the leaflets, books, and above all, the press, are their best weapons. The Socialist Press is growing and will be one of the principal means of reaching the masses with our message in the future. The American Appeal, established a few short months ago, has become a power already in the Socialist cause. In every state its columns are read weekly and increasingly so. We are pushing the program and helping the workers to come due-paying Socialists in the Socialist Party.

Every Socialist should be a dues-paying member of the Socialist Party and be an active one. There is no place for a pessimist today in the Socialist ranks, and before many months the cause will become so alive that optimism will be the prevailing state of mind among the comrades again. Our press must be supported in every way possible for it is the weapon that will blaze the way. It will awaken, it will educate, it will entice, it will help to build the Socialist Party, and hand in hand the Party and Press will erect a monument for itself, a powerfully organized political party and a press that will be a power for good for the workers of the land.

Onward! Is the only command, a self-respecting Socialist can give and be true to his class.

Nation-wide Activities of the Socialist Party



Pennsylvania

Pennsylvanians desiring to learn more about the Socialist Party can do so by writing Socialist Party of Pennsylvania, 415 Swede street, Norristown, Pa. News items concerning Labor and Radical groups should be sent to the same address for publication in the American Appeal.

New Jugo Slav Branch

The Jugo Slav Federation has organized a new branch with twelve members at Grays Landing, Fayette County. These comrades are always on the job and we greatly congratulate them on their latest success.

State Office Notes

Arrangements are being made with our candidate for Governor, John W. Slayton of Pittsburgh for a tour of the State to be made during October. Comrade Slayton is a very able speaker, active member of the Carpenter Union in Pittsburgh, and author of several Socialist pamphlets. In order that we may complete the arrangements for the tour, it is necessary for us to know how many cities will be required. We therefore request all comrades who want to hold Slayton meetings in their town to make prompt application to the State Office, giving the date of the week preferred and the number of meetings that they can arrange. Terms will depend somewhat on the number of applications received.

Comrades throughout the country will regret to learn that Comrade Cora Bixler, active member of our State Committee and delegate to many National Conventions, has been confined to her bed with neuritis for nearly three months. Present reports are that she is slowly recovering and we know that her many friends hope that her health will soon be restored. In the meanwhile she will greatly appreciate receiving letters from her comrades and friends. Her address is 27 S. Ann street, Lancaster, Pa.

Lists of registered Socialists have already been received from Jefferson, Montgomery and Westmoreland Counties, and lists of sympathizers from Butler and Dauphin Counties. In order that the State Office may function properly, it is desirable for us to have the name of every registered Socialist and sympathizer in the state. Readers of this paper will do the movement a great service by securing and sending in such lists of their candidates. This applies especially to comrades residing in counties where we have no active organization at the present time where, in some instances, there are several hundred registered Socialists.

We still have a few copies of the "Case for Socialism," that splendid explanation of our ideas and purposes, by Fred Henderson of the Independent Labor Party of England. Price 50c per copy, \$1.00 per dozen.

The Socialists of Allegheny County and Westmoreland County Socialists will hold a big picnic on Sunday, September 5, in Woodside Grove on the McKeesport Irwin car line. Every Socialist in Western Pennsylvania is urged to attend. An excellent program of activities is being arranged, also refreshments will be provided.

Pittsburgh Socialists will leave in autos and by R. & O. train at 12 o'clock from Wood and First avenues. Those interested wishing informa-

tion should phone William Adams at Headquarters, Atlantic 3831.

West Virginia

The Socialists of West Virginia have come to the front in great force. They have organized a state ticket, they are increasing their active campaign work and are buying more name stamps than ever. Besides they are gathering subscriptions for the American Appeal, and all signs point to a good live Socialist Party movement in this state.

Besides, nominating state candidates, they have nominated candidates for Congress and County tickets in several counties.

The Socialists of West Virginia and all readers of the American Appeal should get in touch with their State Secretary, Augustina Garlano, care of Varsity Bottling, Morgantown, and assist her in every way to carry on an aggressive campaign.

New York

The Socialist Party of New York is setting its campaign under way, and they expect to roll up a big vote. Comrade Emil Herman, the ace of organizers, is going to precede the candidates and arrange meetings. Comrade Herman, in his recent report as organizer, shows he has the same pep and is getting the same results as he did in former weeks. He will stay in New York until the end of the campaign and then make an organizing trip back through the entire country to his home in Seattle, and then begin work in the North west States after election, organizing in Washington and Oregon.

Missouri

A report two weeks ago in St. Louis Labor left the impression that the Socialists of Missouri would not take a ticket for the Socialist ballot in the November election, but later reports show that the Socialists are to hold a meeting in the immediate future to draft a platform and set their ticket.

The Socialists of Kansas City have revised their organization, selected a new County Central Committee, nominated J. G. Hodges for Congress-man of that particular district. They expect to put up a good live campaign.

Illinois

The Socialists of Illinois held a banquet in honor of the National Executive Committee on August 25, had a most enjoyable evening and listened to a number of the N. E. C. and to Comrade Paul McKenna, one of the representatives of the British miners who is in this country gathering funds for that strike. His speech was well received. The Socialists of Cook County also held a good picnic on Sunday, August 29, at Riverview Park, where members of the National Executive Committee also spoke.

Ohio

The Socialist party of Ohio seems to be coming back fast, in organization and in enthusiasm. They have, for the first time in many years, been able to place a state ticket in the field, and Comrade Joseph W. Sharts, Socialist candidate for Governor, is most enthusiastic over the prospects for a good, running campaign. He predicts no less than 200,000 votes for the Socialist ticket of Ohio.

The dues coming to National Headquarters from Ohio are improving fast. The comrades throughout the country will be pleased to know that it is Ohio is coming back to the front as one of the live fighting state organizations of the party.

Wisconsin

Comrade William Coleman, State Secretary of Wisconsin, wants us to know that the Socialists of that state are getting their campaign under way. Their state nominees are holding fine meetings over the state and they are confident of electing two Congress-men and increasing their representation in the State Legislature. The Wisconsin organization is on the upward grade and they are sure when the votes are counted the results will influence the Socialists in other states.

Comrade Berger seems to be as sure of reelection as he can be.

Indiana

The State Office in Indiana will have its portions in the hands of the comrades throughout the State by the time this news is printed and we are in touch with the Socialist State Headquarters, 205 Holiday Building, Indianapolis, and offer their services to get petitions and help to place the ticket. The time for gathering names is short and there must be quick action.

California

The Socialist Party in California, with Upton Sinclair as their candidate for Governor, is getting its campaign under way. They are getting much space in the newspapers and Congressman Sinclair is furnishing matter for publication and they have placed posters all over the State which gives the essence of the Party platform that Comrade Upton Sinclair is pushing to the front.

Socialist readers of the American Appeal in that state should do everything within their power to make California voters sit up and take notice.

Massachusetts

Esther Friedman's tour will begin Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 8 and Sept. 9, at Pittsfield, Sept. 10 at North Adams, Sept. 11 at Greenfield, Sept. 12 at Worcester behind City Hall from 5 to 6, Sept. 13 at Worcester at Front and Church streets at 5 o'clock, Sept. 14 and 15 in Springfield at Post Office Square, Sept. 16 at Holyoke, Sept. 17 at Northampton, Sept. 18 at Greenfield, Sept. 19 at Worcester behind City Hall.

The Mothers League of Brockton has asked for a meeting for her and the Mothers League of Lynn is likewise planning a meeting.

Comrade Pat Wynnian, despite rainy weather, has been having good crowds. His meetings in Springfield and Holyoke were particularly successful. He is available for dates in the eastern part of the state from now until the middle of September. Every trade union official in the state has been sent a copy of our State Platform and our Unemployment Insurance leaflet with a letter requesting them to bring it to the attention of their fellow members.

Readers of the Socialist papers who trade unionists are asked to see that the matter is brought up at their local union meetings. The Massachusetts Independent Labor Party was organized at a meeting last Sunday. Only delegates from trade unions are admitted to full membership, but the executive committee is entitled to take the advice of members of political parties.

(Owing to the haste with which such notices were sent out, only a relatively small attendance was obtained, so it was decided not to nominate a ticket in the present state election but to lay plans for approaching favorable unions and getting them to adhere to the new party.)

An executive committee was chosen on which several Socialists representing the clothing trades were elected.

The National Platform will be in print in about a week and the comrades everywhere are urged to make preparations to order them in large quantities.

Socialists Have a Strong Ticket in California

When this issue reaches the Appeal readers in California, the people of this state will know who the other party candidates are to be, and the chances are that many who voted for the old party nominees in the primary will cast their ballots in the November election for the Socialist candidates. The following are the nominees: For Governor, Upton Sinclair; Lieut. Governor, Leona Morrow-

Lewis; State Controller, J. Levitt. For Congress in the 4th District, William McLevitt; the 9th District, Charles F. Conley; 10th District, N. Jackson Wright. For the State Assembly: 5th District, Arthur H. Eager; 21st District, Thomas F. Feeley; 62nd District, Oscar E. Lawrence; 64th District, Frank H. White; 66th District, Harry Sherr; 71st District, Allick W. Anderson; 72nd District, Charles Fredrickson; 73rd District, John V. Pitts.

All of these comrades are worthy the support of every Appeal reader, and a contribution from every voter who expects to cast his or her ballot for the Socialist ticket in California would enable us to put over a big campaign. Anything from a dime to a thousand dollars is welcome.

Appeal readers desiring large quarter cards of the state candidates are requested to apply to the state office for same. These have the pictures of the nominees and also of the leading slanks of the platform set forth in bold type.

State office address is 205 Grant building, San Francisco.

It Occurs to Me

By H. H. Anderson

That a Socialist should be an optimist. When we first saw the light of day we beheld a beautiful Utopia. We looked forward to a speedy coming of the Cooperative Common wealth. Years of experience has taught us many things, one, that large bodies move slowly, especially large bodies of folks in educational processes. We have seen our comrades grow feeble aged, and pass on. We have been deserted and deceived, misrepresented, and delivered by those whom we supposed were true and loyal. Our plans have miscarried and the movement almost smothered. Still an optimistic sunny disposition and outlook should be cultivated.

Why?

Because the revolution may come upon us and be over in a moment, in a twinkling of the eye. The day in which capitalism will bankrupt itself may be tomorrow, even today. This is a revolutionary age. Changes are made rapidly, and even more rapidly. World events and circumstances indicate that the system might and may be turned upside down and inside out in a jiffy, and the next jiffy at that. Every dear time may be youthful enough to be with us when it happens. I hold Gene Debs to be the most emotional person I have met and I would that every comrade had a large portion of his love for his kind, his hatred for all things which make us less than giants; strong, awake and straight, and over all that beauty of his soul which pictures the Golden Age as just around the corner. Gene and Jesus are alike in this. Jesus declared the Kingdom of Harmony is within you, about you, at your very hand, and Gene has closed hundreds of his addresses with this like prophecy.

Our Inspiration

"A vision of the morrow arises. 'Tis a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of ill-nature has perished from the earth. 'Tis a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame and all the secret, subtle powers of earth and air are treeless rollers of the human race. I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled. While lips are rich with words of love and truth. A world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand, where the poor girl, trying to win bread with a needle, the needle that has been called 'an asp for the breast of the poor,' is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death of suicide or shame. I see a world without the beggar's stretched palm, the miser's heartless stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lieg, the cruel eyes of scorn. I see a world without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair—the married harmony of form and function, and as I look, life strengthens, joy deepens, love envelops the earth, and over all, in the great dome above, shines the eternal star of hope!"—Ingersoll.

Appeal Army Maintains Its Pace During Week

A Word to the Army About Its Leader

A letter was received from Theodore Debs, brother of Eugene V. Debs, while the National Executive Committee was in session during the week, expressing regret that Gene could not attend the meeting.

Comrade Debs was too ill to attend the meeting, although his condition is now improving, said the letter.

Comrade Debs is now suffering principally from an attack of muscular rheumatism. He is confined to his room where he is kept in absolute quiet.

Comrade Theodore Debs has strong hopes that he will be up and about before long.

The Appeal has space only for a bare record of the achievements of the Army for the week. The record averages about the same as last week. There was a gain in bundle orders, a loss in orders for subscription cards and the sub orders were about the same as the previous week. This is good for the hot season and undoubtedly contributed to the general rise in temperature. There will be greater activity as the campaign warms up and the weather gets cooler. The Appeal Army must absolutely make up for any falling off in the weather temperature. We will strike that 100,000 pace yet.

That Prize Offer

The announcement in last week's Appeal of the prize offer—a copy of Jack London's famous "War of the Classes" for every \$5 order for subs or sub cards—has reached the Army by now. Next week's run will be based on a race for that prize. We will begin in the next number of the Appeal to publish the list of prize winners. Get in on it, comrades; the prize is a great and interesting book. It will be a great honor to have won it, and it will be a great souvenir of the present fight. If you get more than one, it will be a great piece of literature to hand out.

The prize winner this week, by all odds, is John T. Whitlock, who pays \$50 on his pledge to send the Appeal to \$25 worth of subscribers each week.

Pot Shots

Michael Lescher, Ashland, Pa.; James Howard, Richmond, Ind.; Dr. A. F. Green, Cleveland, 4; Ed. Henry, Indianapolis; 4; L. Rabinowitz, Chicago; 17; D. E. Williamson, Cleveland, Ind.; 2; Sam Flint, Mountain View, Okla.; 10; Lily Korus, Jersey City; 8; C. Deputy, Indianapolis; 6; George W. Snyder, Columbus, Kans.; 3; Nathan Matyn, Pittsburgh; 3; Paul Suorsa, Amesbury, Mass.; 3; William Frankhauser, Morgantown, W. Va.; 3; H. Latzer, New York City; 3; Mint Nauta, Detroit; 5; Robert Schein, White Haven, Pa.; 5; A Comrade, Chicago, 5.

Double Shooters

The following Army scouts sent in two each: Joe Thomas, Indianapolis; T. F. Willis, Dothan, Ala.; L. G. Walker, Anderson, Ind.; C. William Thompson, Philadelphia; Dr. W. S. James, Cleveland; S. Hakanson, Seattle; Anton T. Stanic, Terre Haute; Emil Herman, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; W. A. Erickson, Washington, Kans.; Frank Barnde, Cleveland; W. J. Martin, Portland, Ore.; Charles Longcore, Chicago; Julius Polpy, Long Cove, Me.; L. L. Hole, Fort Dodge, Kans.; N. Weillich, Maillon, Ohio.

Singles

S. P. Smith, Mountville, W. Va.; J. A. High, Joplin, Mo.; George Kuslowki, Cleveland; Ab. Kaufman, Bronx, N. Y.; E. J. Payton, Glenview, N. M.; John Millman, Providence, R. I.; Boris Mevkin, New York City; A. E. Ewart, Griswold, Iowa; Rev. Richard J. Peterson, Ishpeming, Mich.; W. E. Hawkins, Cornville, Ariz.; Julius Polpy, Long Cove, Me.; Henry Egan, Marengo, Ind.; Ed. Richardson, Valhalla, Ind.; A. J. Sprague, Stevens Point, Wis.; John Martin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George J. Alcott, Bridgewater, Mass.; A. J. Mullinger, Dayton, Pa.; J. H. Casanovich, Whitefish, Mont.; Cyril Wizar, Cornwall, Pa.; B. Golub, Bronx, N. Y.; Thomas McGee, Eastington, Pa.; Joseph P. Donohue, Milwaukee; H. H. Anderson, Alma, Mich.; George Robinson, Forgan, Okla.; J. E. Schroeder, Elkhart, Ind.; Prosper Schetting, Nutley, N. J.; L. Gairish, Arnold, Pa.; John Fradel, Latrobe, Pa.; H. H. Bryant, Mena, Ark.; Herman Goldberger, Boston; Leonard N. Doud, Black River Falls, Wis.; A. Florentini, Highwood, Ill.; Minnie McFarland, Umatilla, Ore.; John Kleib, Chicago; J. C. Hake, Turtle Creek, Pa.; Gust. Behnke, Chicago; S. Pollan, holi, Chicago; Dr. A. J. Adams, Pasadena, Miss.; M. Davison, Milton, Ore.

Bundle Brigades

Here are the Scouts who ordered the Labor Day Special this week: Steve Moreno, Smithton, Pa.; W. H. Cordill, Reno, Nev.; 50; Daniel Job, Goshen, Utah; 50; Emma Grant, Chicago; 50; Martin T. Cook, Rochester, N. Y.; 100; Hazel Marie Bond, Muncie, Ind.; 20; John Krebely, Cleveland; 12; G. D. Bartels, Maryville, Mo.; 12; Peter Kallum, Gillespie, Ill.; 100; Lydia G. Wentworth, Brookline, Mass.; 50; John Langenhof, West Newton, Pa.; 50; Stefan Milavec, Nakomis, Ill.; 50; A. Edward, Yuma, Ariz.; 100; William Leavelly, New Castle, Pa.; 100; Severin Pollo, Clinton, Ind.; 100; M. Hirsch, Hartford, Conn.; 150; Philip Oxley, Woodruff, Wis.; 20; Armas Koski, Local East Port Chester, N. Y.; 100; John Oxley, Boulder Junction, Wis.

And They Say It Can't Be Done

McLaurine.—The Australian government-owned and controlled shipping line has made a 10 per cent cut in freight on all cargoes to European ports, because of its profits and low expenses. This compels the international Shipping combine trading between Britain and Australia to do the same.

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Berger Unmasks American Political Bunco Game

(Victor L. Berger, Socialist congressman from Wisconsin, made the best analysis of the present political situation in America that has been made this year in a smashing speech before the National House of Representatives.)

By Victor L. Berger

(Speech before the National House of Representatives.)

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, I am going to tell you a story of the bunco game that is being played in America. It is a story of the two old parties, the Republicans and the Democrats, who are playing a game of hide-and-seek with the people. They are trying to keep the people from seeing the truth about the political situation in America.

My colleague from Wisconsin, Mr. Frear, reminded me of that bunco game when he said in his speech last Thursday.

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Two Old Parties Alike

We Socialists know that political parties must be based upon economic interests. We have always felt, and I have said so repeatedly in this House, that the Republican and Democratic parties do not represent the interests of the working farmers and the city workmen, because both old parties are under the domination of the capitalist class.

Moreover, it has been known for more than a generation that the campaign expenses of the two old parties—in national, state and municipal elections—are paid largely by the capitalist class, and that the capitalists of our country, while as a rule preferring the Republican party, because it is more intelligent, are just as willing to deal with the Democrats.

This was shown during the administration of Grover Cleveland and of Woodrow Wilson, and was shown again by the endorsement of John W. Davis.

There is no difference in principle between the two old parties.

The producers of the country—the people who work with brain and brawn—the workmen in the cities and the farmers, have failed so far to join a political organization expressing their own economic interests.

And that is also the reason why we have various "blocs" in our Congress. We have heard of the farmer bloc, the railroad bloc, the soldiers' bloc, and of several other blocs. They are denounced in the newspapers.

It is nonsensical, however, to denounce "blocs" in the papers so long as these economic interests have no proper way of expressing themselves on the political field.

One Party Would Be Cheaper

But while the interests of the workmen and of the farmers are thus not represented at all, it really seems a waste of energy and also of money, that the capitalist class supports two capitalist parties.

To drive the two parties together into one political body would not only be an advantage to the country at

large, but also a financial saving for our "big interests" (laughter), especially when we consider that the contributions they must give at national elections reach millions of dollars.

Democrats Are "Spare Tire"

I have seen only one plausible excuse for the existence of two capitalist parties. It was made by Arthur Brisbane when he said:

While the Republican Party is dominated by crooked "big business," the people also know that the Democratic Party is the "spare tire" of crooked big business. That Democratic "spare tire" is crooked on the back of the big business, and would not be used to ease a Republican tire should accidentally blow out.

And some voters conclude that they would rather have Republican crookedness with some efficiency than Democratic crookedness without any efficiency.

This "explanation" may satisfy some people, but it will not make many contented with the condition.

Capitalist Press Impartial

In Great Britain, France, Germany, and in every other civilized country the leading parties differ materially in political and economic principles. Not so in our country.

And I consider that a misfortune. Here our capitalist press, after both of the big political parties had made their nominations for President and Vice President, had the following to say:

As between Mr. Davis and President Coolidge, it is hard to discern much difference. Essentially the two parties and the Republic of America for the President and Vice President for the same thing.

And why should not "big business" have been satisfied with the nomination of Mr. Davis?

According to the pamphlet issued by the La Follette-Wheeler Progressive Headquarters, and entitled "The Wall Street Taints":

Mr. Davis, in his first term, has done nothing to help the workers, the farmers, the small business men, the middle class, the people who work with brain and brawn. He has done nothing to help the people who work with brain and brawn.

to the present industrial system. The workers can use the government to establish control of the industrial system by all the people.

With the workers, the real producers of hand and brain, in control of government and industry, the next step proposed by the Socialists is the building up of a co-operative and democratic system that will abolish industrial autocracy, do away with classes, and the class struggle, do away with all oppression and robbery of labor and secure for the workers the full product of their labor.

By a unified and better organization of industry and the elimination of competition, it hopes to entirely abolish poverty, and create a world of freedom and abundance for all wherein man can turn his attention to the higher and the spiritual things.

Some Farm Facts

The farm population, comprising 25 per cent of the total in the United States, received in their most favorable year (1919) but 17.7 per cent of the total national income.

Since then the farm share has remained below 15 per cent. According to a share in total national wealth was 25 per cent in 1900, 20 per cent in 1912 and had dropped to 20 per cent in 1922.

Total value of farm property in the United States, in terms of the 1913 dollar, was but \$44 per cent as much in 1925 as in 1913.

Actual value of farm output, including livestock, implements and machinery, in 1922 was but 71.9 per cent of the 1912 value, while manufacturing output in 1922 was 141.7 per cent of 1912, according to the last available comparison of farm with manufacturing output by the Census Bureau.

Actual purchasing power of the farm lands of the twelve states— Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska—in 1925 was but 79 per cent of that of 1910, using census figures for the comparison.

Mounting the farm indebtedness, which was only a fifth over four billion dollars in 1910, climbed to \$12,500,000,000 in 1920, and stands at that figure today. A debt really larger than it appears because it has to be paid by commodities having lower debt-paying power than when the debt was incurred.

Another Mare's Nest

The American Legion of Arkansas has discovered in the Commonwealth school fostered by Kate Richards O'Hare a place where free love is taught and the Russian soviet finds a chance to spend money it does not

Blessed is the man who knows corn planting time and prepares his ground in advance.

The profit system is a means of exploitation as much outgrown as the slavery system is.

Speaking in Minneapolis, Minn., on October 16, Senator La Follette said President Coolidge was nominated for Vice President in 1920 at Chicago because of false propaganda "relative to his actions during the Boston police strike."

Also that Coolidge, as President, Officer of the Senate, always sided with special privilege, and at one time gave the gavel to an old guardman "when an especially raw job was to be put over."

He accused Coolidge of being the protector of Paul Denby, and laughter and of not lifting a protesting voice, "during the orgy of corruption at Washington."

When I presented to the Senate evidence demonstrating that naval officers were being leased in violation of law and in betrayal of the public trust, Coolidge put as President of the Senate, 20 feet away. He heard every word.

Wall Street Taints

Here is a pamphlet published by the La Follette-Wheeler Progressive Headquarters and distributed in about a million copies. It is called "The Wall Street Taints" and has a wonderful cartoon on its title page showing Morgan and his associates both Coolidge and Davis while Morgan is pulling the strings.

We are asked, "Why does Wall Street regard Coolidge as safe?" This is why:

Because in his first term he has done nothing to help the workers, the farmers, the small business men, the middle class, the people who work with brain and brawn.

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